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Robert M. Fetsuga  
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Art Unit 3751-U.S. Patent Office  
RE: Application #'s 10/614,705 & 10/647,753

Dear Mr. Fetsuga:

Enclosed are new drawings and a new claim sheet. I have been retired for many years and can't afford a patent attorney so I am attempting to file these patent applications on my own. If there is something more you need please contact me.

As you know there is a water shortage crisis in many states so the E.P.A. put a restriction of 1.6 gallons per each new toilet tank. I am convinced that my inventions will save much more water than even with the 1.6 gallon restriction. I think the E.P.A. would like to see my inventions put into production.

You mentioned the Brown patent that was issued 74 years ago. At that time there was not a water crisis and water was very cheap. This is probably why this valve was never put on the market.

I have checked Home Depot, Lowes, Sears and other outlets and none of them have a dual flush valve in their stores. They all have single flush valves.

It is ridiculous to think that it takes as much water to flush down a few ounces of urine as it does to flush down solid waste.

Sincerely,

Paul B. McKee

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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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# Office Action Summary

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Application No.	10/614,705	Applicant(s)	MCKEE, PAUL B.
Examiner	Robert M. Fetsuga	Art Unit	3751

*The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --  
Period for Reply*

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).

Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

## Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 07 July 2003.  
2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.  
3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

## Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-3 is/are pending in the application.  
4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.  
5) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.  
6) Claim(s) 1-3 is/are rejected.  
7) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.  
8) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

## Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.  
10) The drawing(s) filed on 07 July 2003 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).  
11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

## Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
a) All b) Some \* c) None of:  
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.  
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

## Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  
2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)  
3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
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4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
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5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)  
6) Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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